

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 72. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, June 28, 1862.

I.. Whenever sick men, paroled prisoners or others, under circumstances entitling them to their descriptive lists and accounts of pay and clothing, &c., are sent away from their regiments, or, being already separated from their regiments, are discharged from any hospital, or moved from point to point in a body, they will be put under charge of a trusty officer or non-commissioned officer—to be selected if possible, from their own number—who will exercise command over the party and conduct it to its destination. And to this officer or non-commissioned officer will be confided the descriptive lists of all; for the safe keeping of which, until properly turned over with each soldier, he will be held strictly accountable. Detailed instructions, in writing, for his guidance and government, during the journey, will, in every case, if possible, be furnished to such officer by his last commander. And should he, himself, be compelled to make any detachments from his party, he will, in each case, observe the same rules.

II.. That paragraph of General Orders No. 65, of June 12, 1862, which authorizes the discharge, when requested by them, of paroled prisoners, is hereby rescinded.

III.. No more furloughs will be granted to paroled prisoners. All furloughs heretofore given to them are hereby revoked; and all prisoners, now at large on their parole, or who may hereafter be paroled by the rebel authorities, will immediately repair—if belonging to regiments raised in the New England and Middle States, to the Camp of Instruction, established near Annapolis, Md.; if belonging to regiments raised in the States of Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, to Camp Chase, near Columbus, Ohio; if belonging to regiments raised in the States of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri, to the Camp near Jefferson Barracks, Mo.,—and report for such duty, compatible with their parole, as may be assigned to them by the officers in command of said camps. And all, whether officers or soldiers, who fail to comply with this order, within the space of time necessary for them to do so, will be accounted deserters and dealt with accordingly.

The attention of all commanding, mustering, and recruiting officers is particularly directed to this order, and they are required to use their

utmost exertions, not only to give it the widest circulation in their neighborhoods, but to see that it is faithfully carried out. And their Excellencies, the Governors of the several States, are respectfully solicited to lend their efforts to the same end.

IV.. The transportation necessary to a compliance with this order, can, on application, be procured from the Governors of the several States, or from the United States mustering or commanding officers in the various cities within them.

V.. The commanders of the different Camps of Instruction, to which paroled men are sent, will have them organized into companies and battalions, keeping those of the same regiment and of the same State as much together as possible; and will have correct *muster rolls* of them made out and forwarded to this office; and, on the 15th day of every muster month, will furnish a list of them to the company commanders;—from whom, in return, they will procure full and exact *descriptive lists* of each man, and *accounts* of the *pay, clothing, &c.*, due to or from him to the government.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

L. THOMAS,
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OFFICIAL:

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